

First-place Fishermen win again, 48-34

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With four games left in the league season, the team in the driver's seat of Cowapa League boys basketball is *not* defending state champion Scappoose. Nor is it Seaside, everybody's favorite to dethrone the Indians.

(Both of those teams, by the way, are ranked ahead of Astoria in the latest OSAA rankings).

The first-place spot in the Cowapa belongs to the Fishermen, who sit atop the toughest league at the Class 4A level with a 5-1 record.

The No. 9-ranked Fishermen scored their latest victory Friday at the Brick House, a 48-34 win over the Braves.

A Clatsop Clash could ultimately decide the league title, but first things first, said Astoria coach Kevin Goin. There's more big games to be played.

With games remaining against No. 5-ranked Scappoose, No. 3-ranked Seaside and 10th-ranked Valley Catholic, the Fishermen won't be looking ahead to the Feb. 16 game with the Gulls.

"We just have to stay focused on the game ahead of us, and take it one game at a time," Goin said. "We can't look too far ahead, because it's so hard to win in this league. Winning games on the road is the big thing."

"We're at Tillamook (Tuesday), and that's always a tough place to play," he said, despite the Cheesemakers' 0-6 league record. "Then we've got two of the final three at home, with Seaside on the road, so we're done with the long road trips. Those will all be tough games, so we don't talk about what's too far off."

For the rest of the Cowapa, the Fishermen — winners of eight of their last nine — have become the toughest team to beat.

Astoria jumped out to a 13-3 lead after one quarter Friday, before Banks rallied with a 17-10 run in the second.

"They shot the ball well and hit some big shots (including a 3-pointer that glanced off the side of the backboard)," Goin said, "and we always seem to have one bad quarter."

Astoria recovered, and outscored the Braves 25-14 in the second half.

Derek Jarrett again led the Fishermen in scoring with 22 points, followed by Kyle Strange with 12 and Fridtjof Fremstad with seven.

Gulls 54, Indians 41
SEASIDE — The Seaside Gulls began the second half of the Cowapa League season the same way they began the first — with yet another win over the defending state champions.

Seaside cruised past Scappoose for the second time, defeating the Indians 54-41.

Scappoose held a 26-23 lead at halftime, and pushed the lead to 31-25 in the third quarter, but the rest of the night belonged to the Gulls.

Jackson Januik and Jaxson Smith drained 3-pointers, and Austin Eagon did the rest, as the senior dominated the contest, pouring in 25 points to lead all scorers.

Seaside outscored the Indians 14-4 in the final quarter.

Bobcats 48, Loggers 37
NESTUCCA — Coming off a 49-36 loss to City Christian less than 24 hours before, the Knappa Loggers lost a second-straight game Saturday by nearly the same score.

Nestucca's Brett Elder and Wyatt Link combined for 26 points, to help the Bobcats defeat Knappa 48-37 in a Northwest League game.

"We played about the worst first quarter we have all season," said Knappa coach Chris Spencer, whose team trailed 14-5 after one. "We had a pretty nice second quarter (13-3), but the third quarter looked a lot like the first. Hats off to Nestucca — they were the better team."

Dale Takalo scored 18 points and Colton Weirup added nine in his first game back.

The loss put Knappa into fifth place in the league standings at 9-6. City Christian and Life Christian are both 9-4, with Nestucca fourth at 9-5.

The Loggers have one regular season game remaining, Tuesday at Faith Bible. Nestucca plays at Vernonia (13-0), and finishes with Neah-Kah-Nie (4-10).

Lions 49, Loggers 36
KNAPPA — City Christian scored a big win Friday night at Knappa, topping the Loggers 49-36 in a key Northwest League showdown.

After a 9-9 first quarter, the Lions outscored Knappa 40-27 over the final three.

Jason Miller and Dale Takalo had 13 points each for Knappa, which struggled from the field (15-for-56).

Cougars 59, Blue Jays 28
JEWELL — Ben Stahly scored nine points, and teammate Dallas Ritchie added six rebounds and three steals for Jewell, but Country Christian scored the win Friday at Jewell, 59-28.

Nathan Kane scored six points for the Blue Jays.

Ilwaco 58, Raymond 42
ILWACO, Wash. — The Ilwaco boys tuned up for the post-season with a 58-42 win over Raymond Friday night.

The Fishermen built a 35-22 halftime lead, and Zac Tapio finished with 23 points to help Ilwaco win.

Girls Basketball
Seaside 40, Scappoose 30
SEASIDE — Seaside had four players sidelined with injuries Friday night, but the Gulls still had more than enough to beat winless Scappoose, 40-30, in a Cowapa League contest at Seaside.

Three players scored in double figures for the Gulls, who were missing Lucy Bodner, Annuka Brown, Maddi Utti and Brittany West.



Astoria's Derek Jarrett, No. 34, shoots over Banks' Blake Gobel, No. 51, during the basketball game Friday.

Jesse Trott led the way with 12 points, followed by Paige Ideue and Sydney Villegas with 10 points apiece.

Seaside held a slim 20-17 lead at halftime, but a 7-0 run in the third quarter — keyed by two long range jumpers from Trott — put the game away midway through the quarter.

Braves 45, Lady Fish 26
A quick start for Banks led to a 45-26 win for the Braves Friday night, in a Cowapa League girls game at Astoria.

Banks led 11-0 after one quarter, and held an 18-4 lead at halftime, as the Braves improve to 6-0 in league.

Freshman Samantha Hemsley scored seven points for Astoria, which struggled from the field (8-for-35) and at the free throw line (8-of-19).

Alexis Wallace had four rebounds for the Lady Fish (2-4 in league), who hope to bounce back this week in games vs. Tillamook (1-5) and Scappoose (0-6).

Loggers 39, Bobcats 32
CLOVERDALE — The Knappa Lady Loggers took one step closer to clinching a league playoff spot Satur-

day, as they defeated Nestucca 39-32 at Cloverdale.

Knappa improves to 5-17 overall, and can secure a spot in the playoffs with a win Tuesday at Faith Bible, or any Gaston loss (Greyhounds have games remaining vs. City Christian and Vernonia).

Paris Vanderburg scored a career-high 17 points in Saturday's win, with seven rebounds and three steals.

Kaitlyn Landwehr added 12 points and two steals, and Kaitlyn Truax scored six points with eight boards.

Knappa rallied from an 18-15 halftime deficit by outscoring Nestucca 12-1 in the third quarter.

Loggers 30, Lions 20
KNAPPA — Knappa won a defensive battle with City Christian Friday night, 30-20.

Devin Vandergriff scored 11 points with four rebounds, and Kaitlyn Landwehr added six points and three steals for the Loggers, who held a 10-7 halftime lead.

Cougars 79, Lady Jays 20
JEWELL — The state's No. 1-ranked team made a visit



Astoria's Samantha Hemsley, No. 30, looks to pass under heavy defensive pressure during the basketball game against Banks Friday.

to Jewell Friday, and Country Christian backed up the ranking with a 79-20 win over the Lady Jays.

The Cougars built a 49-8 halftime lead over Jewell, which was led by Emma Guillen's seven points.



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The 2015-16 Ilwaco girls basketball team, following Thursday's league championship win.

Ilwaco tops Raymond for league title

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RAYMOND, Wash. — Year No. 2 of the Ilwaco girls basketball dynasty is perfectly intact.

Their second year since dropping down from the 1A level has resulted in two straight league championships for the Lady Fishermen, who scored a 67-59 win at Raymond Thursday.

Ilwaco — one of the favorites to win the Washington 2B state title — will now host Winlock at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the 2B District IV tournament.

Sophomore Makenzie Kaech led Ilwaco in Thursday's victory, scoring a career-high 42 points, as the Fishermen had to rally from a 38-31 deficit in the third quarter.

Ilwaco finishes 10-0 in league, and improves to 18-2 overall. Their only two losses are to Seaside (4A Oregon) and Class 1A Kalama.

Kaech was 16-of-19 at the free throw line, and added 10 rebounds, five steals and two blocks.

Teammate Hannah Ellsworth tossed in 12 points with six steals.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Girls Basketball — Astoria at Tillamook, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 7 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.; Knappa at Faith Bible, 7 p.m.; Jewell at Falls City, 5:30 p.m.; Central at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.
Boys Basketball — Astoria at Tillamook, 7:45 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 8:45 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 7:30 p.m.; Knappa at Faith Bible, 8:45 p.m.; Jewell at Falls City, 7 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Astoria 48, Banks 34
BAN (34): Jake Evans 7, Renne 5, Gobel 4, Meeuwzen 4, Ward 4, McGough 3, Hutchins 3, Kemper 2, Carrizales 2.
AST (48): Derek Jarrett 22, Strange 12, Fremstad 7, Fruith 3, Englund 2, Gohl 2, Arnsdorf, Williams, Loughran, Meisner.
Banks 3 17 9 5-34
Astoria 13 10 16 9-48

Seaside 54, Scappoose 41
SCP (41): Robert Lohman 16, Donaldson 8, Wagenknecht 6, Davis 4, Cutburth 3, Toman 3.
SEA (54): Austin Eagon 25, Smith 15, Januik 6, Thompson 6, Lewis 2, Marston.
Scappoose 11 15 11 4-41
Seaside 12 11 17 14-54

Nestucca 48, Knappa 37
KNA (37): Dale Takalo 18, Weirup 9, Miller 6, Goodman 4, Severson, Engblom, Eltagonde, Geisler, Ru-

bus, Hendrickson.
NES (48): Brett Elder 15, Link 11, Strober 8, Nix 6, Jackson-Cruz 4, McKillip 2.
Knappa 5 13 6 13-37
Nestucca 14 3 12 19-48

City Christian 49, Knappa 36
CC (49): Adam Brown 13, DeMonte Malloy 13, Arnett 7, Apreotisi 7, McNack 5, Solomon 4.
KNA (36): Jason Miller 13, Dale Takalo 13, Rubus 6, Severson 2, Engblom 2.
City Christian 9 12 12 16-49
Knappa 9 6 11 10-36

Country Christian 59, Jewell 28
CC (59): Derek Halvorson 22, Cunningham 9, Mann 8, Dr.Halverson 7, Grandle 7, Gilmer 4, Girrens 2.
JWL (28): Ben Stahly 9, Kane 6, Murray 5, Hinson 4, Ritchie 2, Silva 2, Gerken.

Ilwaco 58, Raymond 42
RAY (42): Jayce Freeman 13, Koski 8, Souvannavanh 7, Collins 4, Anderson 4, Hubbard 3, Phansisay 3.
ILW (58): Zac Tapio 23, Bannister 9, Lazar 8, Tynkila 6, Kaino 6, Mendoza 3, Schen 2, Aguayo 1.
Raymond 8 13 9 12-42
Ilwaco 15 20 11 12-58

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Banks 45, Astoria 26
AST (26): Samantha Hemsley 7, Chloe Hunt 6, Wallace 5, Mickle 4, DeMander 2, Rogers 2, Mitchell.
Banks 11 7 16 11-45

Astoria 0 4 11 11-26

Seaside 40, Scappoose 30
SCP (30): Kendal Bailey 15, Brodala 8, Smith 4, Kopra 3.
SEA (40): Jesse Trott 12, P.Ideue 10, Villegas 10, J.Ideue 3, Westerholm 3, Babbitt 2.
Scappoose 7 10 4 9-30
Seaside 9 10 9 11-40

Knappa 39, Nestucca 32
KNA (32): Paris Vanderburg 17, Landwehr 12, Truax 6, Corder 2, Vandergriff 2, McMahan, Miethe, Strain.
NES (39): Tea Chatelain 13, Morgan 5, Wilkinson 4, Jackson 4, Chavarin 4, Kirkpatrick 2.

Knappa 30, City Christian 20
CC (20): Belefski 9, Rodriguez 5, Mafey 4, Lasater 1, Dickinson 1.
KNA (30): Devin Vandergriff 11, Corder 6, Landwehr 6, Vanderburg 5, Truax 2, Miethe, Strain.
City Christian 4 3 5 8-20
Knappa 6 4 10 10-30

Country Christian 79, Jewell 20
CC (79): Kennedy Nofziger 14, M.McGrath 13, C.McGrath 12, Farner 9, Lewandowski 8, Ross 8, Phillips 7, LaPointe 6, Parker 2.
JWL (20): Emma Guillen 7, A.Littlepage 4, Morales 3, A.Wammack 2, R.Wammack 2, Kaczinski 2, Oliveira.
Country 23 26 22 8-79
Jewell 4 4 6 6-20